



The West Purbeck Benefice



Revd Canon Richard Bartlett


- Vicar of the West Purbeck Benefice



Revd Sandra Williams - Associate Priest



Revd Jenny Alidina - Associate Priest



Revd David Chillman - Associate Priest & House for Duty in the Lulworth Parish

Sue Sharpe - Benefice Administrator



**St Laurence, Affpuddle
St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Holy Rood, Wool
St Andrew, East Lulworth
Holy Trinity, West Lulworth
St Christopher's, Winfrith Newburgh
St Nicholas, Chaldon Herring**

Services at St John the Baptist

1st Sunday of month 9am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of month 11am Family Service (with Junior Church meeting from 10am)

3rd Sunday of month 9am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of month 11am Holy Communion

If there is a 5th Sunday 10:30am Benefice Eucharist (moves around)

2nd Wednesday of month 11am Holy Communion



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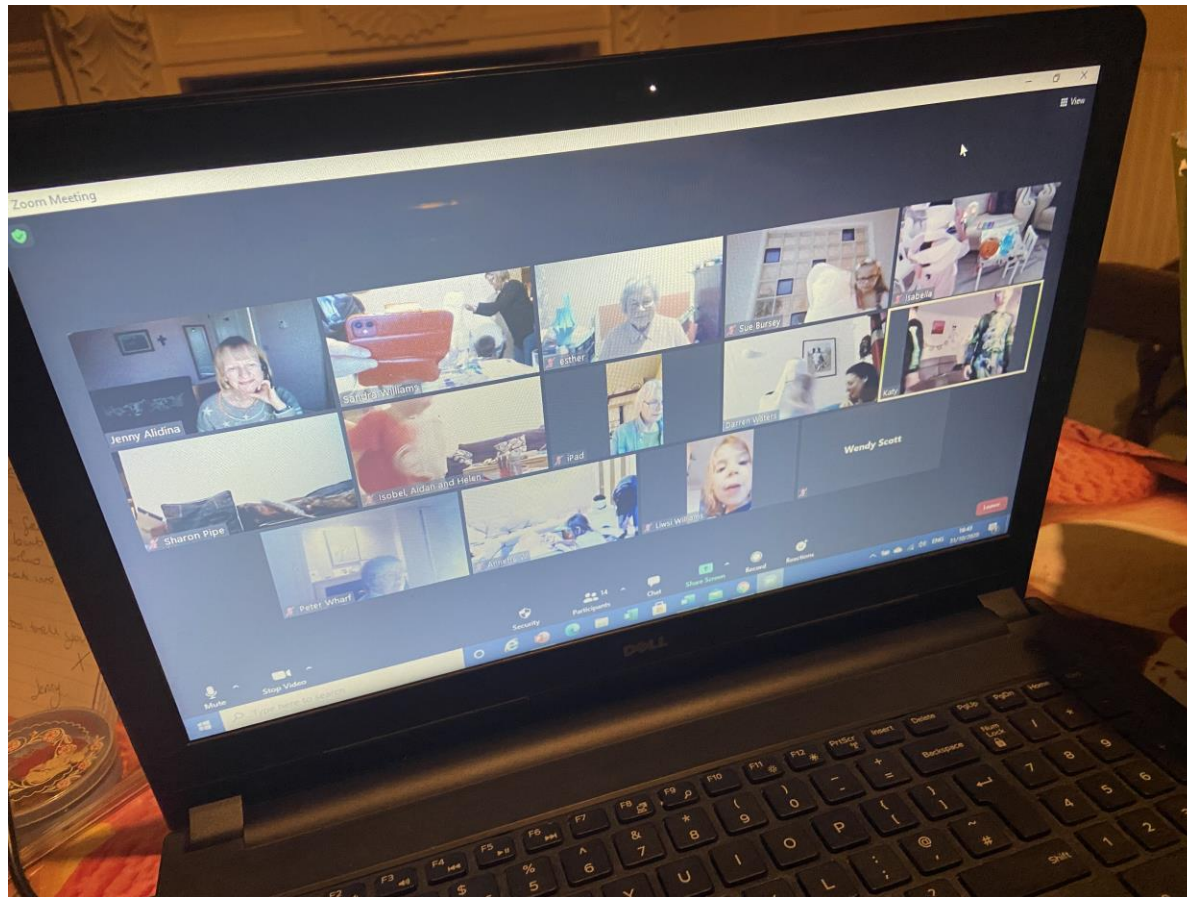
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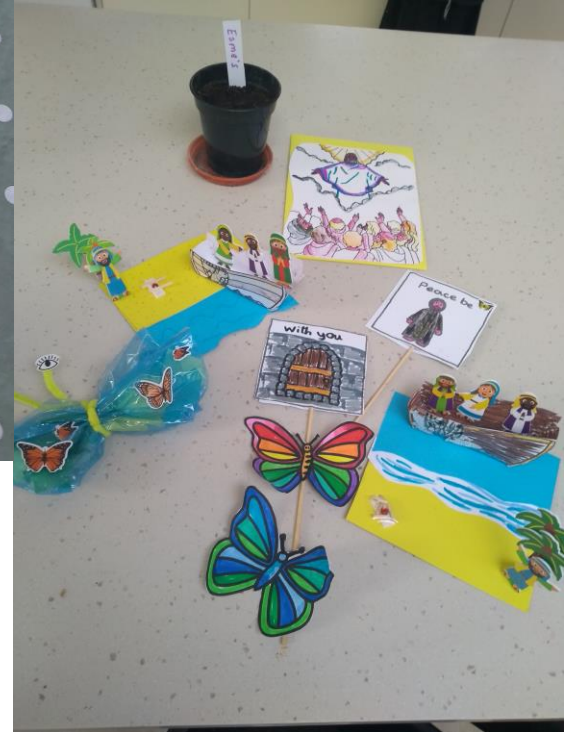


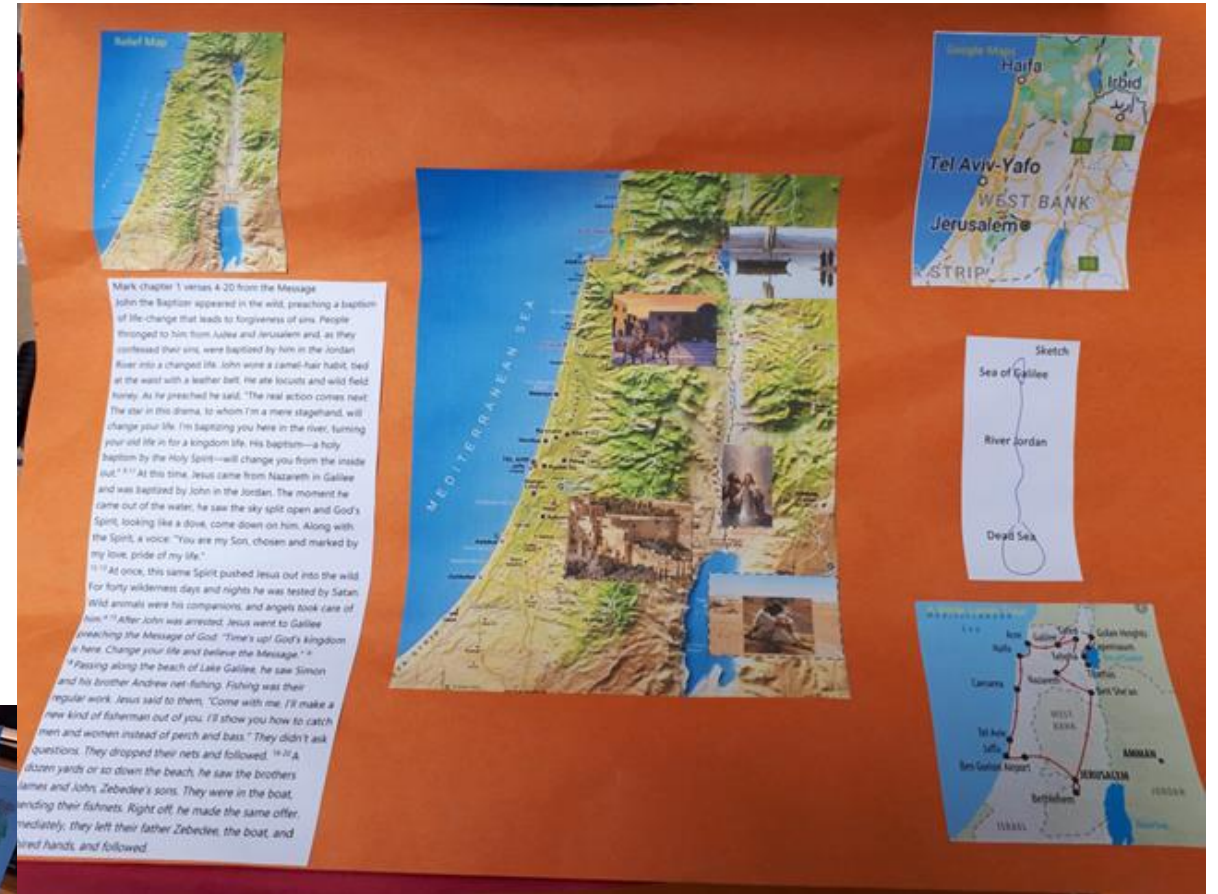




Messy Church Online















Black Hill

Good Friday 2022
Walk of Witness →



← Ascension Day
6am Service 26th May 2022



2022 Lent Lunches



Canzonetta
Sacred music for Holy Week
with Richard Hall

Palm Sunday



Sunday 10th April 2022
Parish Church of St. John the Baptist
Bere Regis
BH20 7HQ
3pm
Free admission
Retiring collection for the church
www.canzonettadorset.com



The Bere Regis Orange Hurtle is back!



A race down the Bere Stream from Shitterton to Souls Bridge. Please bring your own orange(s) and we will mark them for you. We will have some extras, too!

**Race starts at 10am on Easter Saturday
16th April. Meet at Shitterton Bridge**

**Free entry and £1 (or more!) for our Parish
Church**

**If you came before, you will know
it was great fun. Come along and
join the fun!**

After the excitement of the race, join us for
refreshments and prize-giving outside the Scout
Hut!

N.B. All children must be accompanied by an adult





Common



Marbled White



Small Tortoiseshell



Meadow Brown



Holly Blue



Ringlet

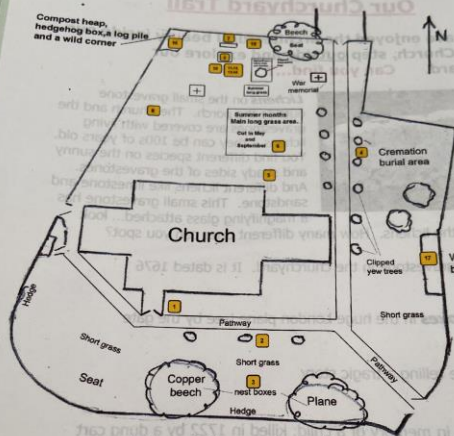


Bee Fly



Solitary Bee

Butterflies and Insects photographed in this Churchyard



The Church of St John the Baptist Bere Regis

The Churchyard showing wildlife areas and other points of interest described overleaf.

We participate in the Dorset Wildlife Trust Living Churchyards Project.

June 2022

Our Churchyard Trail

If you have enjoyed the architectural beauty **inside** our ancient Church, **step outside** and explore our churchyard. **Can you find...?**

1



Lichens on the small gravestone outside the porch. The Church and the gravestones are covered with living lichens – they can be 100s of years old. You find different species on the sunny and shady sides of the gravestones. And different lichens like limestone and sandstone. This small gravestone has a magnifying glass attached... look

closely at the lichens. How many different ones can you spot?

2

The oldest gravestone in the churchyard. It is dated 1676

3

Nesting boxes in the huge London plane tree by the gate

4

A gravestone telling a tragic story

5

A gravestone in memory of a child, killed in 1722 by a dung cart

6

just grass... or is it? In spring, primroses flower in our ancient grassland – it hasn't been fertilized. In summer, we stop mowing this area for a few weeks, so that insects can enjoy the nectar from flowers such as **clovers**, **birds-foot-trefoil**, **selfheal**, **black medick** and **oxeye daisies**



7

The Raddlyffe family grave

8

The 1813 grave of the village doctor and his wife

9

St. Bees – our hotel for solitary bees

10

The tiny gravestone of a child, who died in Victorian times, aged 5. I am sure she would like to be amongst the birds and bees and flowers in our living churchyard

11

A creepy-crawly campsite – a log-pile for creatures like **woodlice**, **centipedes** and **spiders**

12

A slithery sleep-over for reptiles such as **slow-worms** and **grass snakes**

13

A ground beetle guesthouse



14

A bumble bee B&B – a cool, dry nesting place

15

The grave of a policeman, who died in the course of his duty

16

Compost heap, hedgehog box and a wild corner
The compost heap, together with a log pile which is a very important area for wildlife. Slowworms, and frogs have been seen here. We have put a **hedgehog hostel** here – a safe, dry place for hedgehogs to hibernate.

17

A wildflower border – not weeds.
We have left a small area for native flowers such as **knapweed**, **oxeye daisy**, **salad burnet**, **corn marigold**, **marjoram** and many other plants, that have come in on their own, all most attractive to insects. Grasshoppers have found this space. All we do is trim back in winter.



Our churchyard is a great place for people and wildlife – an oasis in the centre of the village. We are managing it for the benefit of wildlife. A wildlife garden doesn't have to be an untidy one. Why not try introducing some of these wildlife-friendly ideas in **your** garden?



St John the Baptist Church Garden Party

**Sunday
17th July**

At the Vicarage
(if wet, in the church)

**3.00 p.m. -
5.00 p.m.**

***Everyone
welcome***

- Live music
- Cream teas
- Games
- Raffle

Stalls including:

- Cakes
- Produce
- Books
- Bargain hunt



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